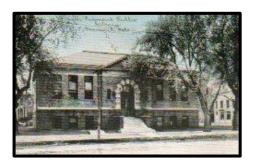


January 2015 Newsletter



Then and Now



Note from Friends' Board President Janet Lowe

It has been an honor to serve on the Friends of the Library Board. We have made a lot of progress over the past year. Our by-laws have been updated and our dues have gone down. We have matched Keno grant monies to purchase new furniture for the library. In addition, we have helped support the summer reading program and the Prime Time program. Constant Contact has been set up to inform members periodically and our Facebook page is updated on a regular basis. Finally, we sponsored author events this year. First with William Kent Krueger and another with local writer Timothy Schaffert. I am thankful for the wonderful board members who are always willing to pitch in and come up with suggestions to promote the wonderful library we have.

2015 Friends' Dates

February 9 is the deadline to contact Gary Overfield, Nominating Chair **if you are interested in serving on the Friends' Board.** Contact Gary at gandkoverfield@gmail.com or phone 402-727-1252 **by February 9** deadline for consideration as a nominee.

March 1: 2:00 p.m. Friends' Annual Meeting @ Library 1030 N. Broad

Voting is open to Friends' members with paid 2015 memberships at the March 1, 2015 Annual meeting. Payment and membership forms will be available at the door. Forms are currently available at Library desk or e-mail fokmlibrary@gmail.com

April 9 – 12 Annual Book Sale @ City Auditorium 925 North Broad Street, Fremont

April 9 Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm Annual Book Sale Members Preview Only.

Memberships can be purchased at door.

Bring your current 2015 Friends membership card to gain Express Entry!

April 10 Friday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Open to Public, free admission

April 11 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to Public, free admission

April 12 Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. ½ price sale. No Limit! Open to Public, free admission Volunteers are always welcome and needed!

July 11, Saturday 2:00 p.m.—**Lemonade on the Lawn** @ Library south lawn. Watch for news about the theme and entertainment this year!

November 6: Friday evening —Fall Event @ Library — Program and time to be announced later.



Thank You!

The Friends' Board thanks the Friends member volunteers, the Keene Memorial Library Staff and many other helpers for their dedication to the Library and community. Your assistance and volunteer activities with Friends' projects helps to make our projects and events succeed!



SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS?

Do you have suggestions for programs for "Friends" to sponsor? Ideas for author events, involvement are welcome. Contact us with your suggestions. We would love to hear from you! fokmlibrary@gmail.com or write to us.

Congratulations to Jan Kruse, 2014 recipient of the **Faith Perry Award**, presented at Lemonade on the Lawn in July. Jan has truly been an asset to Keene Memorial Library and Friends Board!





LaBrezza is getting ready for the unveiling this year. Date will be announced later.

LaBrezza is coming back this year!

The "You Know You Grew Up in Fremont When..." Facebook group donated funds to help bring our LaBrezza statue back to public view in the Library. Their contact person is Dan Christensen. LaBrezza used to stand in a fountain on the main floor and took a leave of absence after the remodeling. The Friends' Board is coordinating the purchase of a display base, cleaning and installation with Janet Davenport, Library Director.

Recently, Pete Wroblewski did the restoration work on LaBrezza. He is a bronze sculpture artist from Arlington. You can see some of his work at www.sculptinbronze.com

We anticipate a 2015 dedication ceremony to be announced as soon as we have the project complete.

A Note from the Archives

The Keene Memorial Library 2013 newsletter of states: "...The Keene family has made lasting imprints on the community, support of the library being but one. Mrs. Wilma Tiegler was actively involved in planning for the building of our current Keene Memorial Library building. She traveled to Italy to find the crystal chandelier that hangs over the stairway and a statue, LaBrezza, who for many years graced a fountain near the library stairway. The landscape rehabilitation of the east parking lot is possible because she also left the library a fund for "beautification" of the library."



2014 Friends of Keene Memorial Library Board Members and Library Representatives



Seated: Jan Kruse (Vice President), Mary Lou Carlson, Vicki Hunzeker (Treasurer), Pam Primm (Secretary)
Standing: Janet Davenport (Library Director), Gary Overfield, Mike Guilliatt, Margie Castle,
Janet Lowe (President), Roger Larsen Absent: Larry Jirsak (Library Board rep), Jeff Hoffman (Past Pres.)

Margie Castle, Events Committee member: I have been working at Hy-Vee for 4 years. I am a mother of 4 and grandmother of 6. They keep me busy! I have worked at Hy-Vee for 4 years. I love being on the Friends Board and helping out behind the scenes. In particular, I love working with the many volunteers for our events. I relax by reading, doing puzzles and working in my garden.

Janet Davenport, Library Director: Janet Davenport, Library Director, serves as an ex officio member of the Friends of Keene Memorial Library Board. Janet grew up in Laramie, Wyoming a town in many ways similar to Fremont. She always had a love of books and reading, as well as cooking, gardening and a love of animals. Coming to Keene Memorial Library after many years at the Omaha Public Library she enjoys the opportunity to be involved in all parts of the library's operation rather than a narrow specialization. The importance of early literacy and reading is a central theme she has worked with the library's youth services department to emphasize in its services and offerings.

Mary Lou Carlson, Events Chair: Mary Lou works in the Activities department at Nye Square Retirement Community. She enjoys reading and the library is one of her favorite spots to visit.

Mike Guilliatt, Board Member: Mike has broad experience in financial services, namely his business American IRA Advisor in Fremont and Omaha.

Jeff Hoffman, Immediate Past President: I am proud to have served as President of Friends of Keene Memorial Library and am excited about all the great things Keene Memorial Library offers the community, from on-line resources to youth reading programs, the Library is a valuable asset to the Fremont community.

Vicki Hunzeker, Treasurer, Finance Committee and liaison to Book Sale Committee: I am an Art Teacher, retired from teaching at Valley High School, grades 7-12. I will forever be an advocate of Art and public education. As Treasurer, I'll head the Finance Committee. We have plans to review our operating procedures and update as needed. One thing that is new and exciting is the addition of a computer with Quik Books and I'm in the process of learning the software. As a liaison to the Book Sale Committee, I will finalize plans to offer the convenience of credit card purchases at the 2015 book sale.

Larry Jirsak, Library Board Representative: I've been a member of the Library Broad since about 2001. I currently am the President; I also serve as Liaison to the Friends of the Library Board and sit on the Board of the Friends of the Library, a Trust. I was born on Halloween, many autumns ago, in a farmhouse four miles northwest of Clarkson, NE. I have a Bachelor of Science in History from Wayne State College. I am retired from the secular business work, and currently am a licensed minister in the United Church of Christ, serving a parish at Scribner. Serving on the Board has been a great source of joy. I am very proud of our Library; we have a dedicated, courteous professional staff; I have also had the pleasure of working with a great many volunteers; your service is exemplary. I think we serve the community well.

Jan Kruse, Vice President and Membership Chair:

My earliest memory -- My mom read to me. My chosen career -- School Librarian My passion -- Books and Libraries My favorite place – Keene Memorial Library

My favorite places -- Westgate School, Westside High and Willa Cather Libraries

Roger Larsen, Board Member: Retired High School German Teacher and University Institutional Research Director. Fremont resident for the last 55 years. An avid reader who is constantly amazed by the variety of services and community opportunities offered by Keene Memorial Library. Proud grandparent of a granddaughter who loves to read.

Janet Lowe, President: I teach English as a Second Language at Linden Elementary and have lived and worked in the Fremont area for thirteen years. I am an avid reader and live on a lake with my husband Gordon. We have four children and three grandchildren.

Gary Overfield, Nominating Committee: I taught middle school and high school English and reading for 33 years and just completed seven more years teaching English part-time at Midland University and Metropolitan Community College. My pet project right now is helping to mold my almost two-year-old granddaughter to be the reader that her mother was. As a member of the Friends of the Library Board, my goal is to support literacy in all its many forms in our world today.

Pam Primm, Secretary/Communications: I am an administrative assistant for Valmont Irrigation. As Board secretary, I hope to help organize and communicate our efforts to promote and assist the Library. We have started using a new e-mail program to send e-mails to our membership and use Facebook to spread news to the public. I enjoy getting to know our Board of Directors, Library Staff and many volunteers.

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore, achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better. – Sidney Sheldon

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